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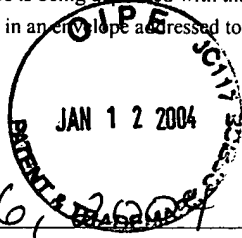
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Kenneth Rambo

Application No.: 10/671,312

Filed: September 24, 2003

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
SIMULTANEOUSLY DISPLAYING  
VIDEO PROGRAMMING AND  
INSTANT MESSAGING

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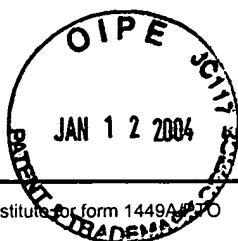
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<b>Filing Date</b>	September 24, 2003
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Kenneth Rambo
<b>Title</b>	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SIMULTANEOUSLY DISPLAYING VIDEO PROGRAMMING AND INSTANT MESSAGING
<b>Art Unit</b>	
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Name David Halvorson

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Date

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Kenneth RamboApplication No./Patent No.: 10/671,312Filed/Issue Date: September 24, 2003Entitled: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SIMULTANEOUSLY DISPLAYING VIDEO PROGRAMMING AND INSTANT MESSAGINGQwest Communications International Inc., a corporation

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Title

ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

SOLE

WHEREAS, Kenneth Rambo of 454 Garfield Street, Denver, CO 80206 hereinafter referred to as "Assignor," is the inventor of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SIMULTANEOUSLY DISPLAYING  
VIDEO PROGRAMMING AND INSTANT MESSAGING

Date(s) of execution of Declaration: September 22, 2003

Filing Date:

Application No.: ; and

WHEREAS, Qwest Communications International Inc, a corporation of the state of Colorado, located at 1801 California Street, Denver, CO, 80202-2658, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

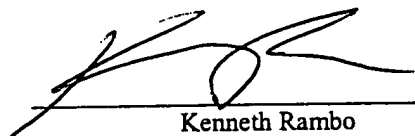
For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignor, Assignor has assigned, and by these presents does assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on any patent application claiming priority from the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor had this Assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignor further agrees that Assignor will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including applications and instruments of transfer, and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Two Embarcadero Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3834, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has signed his/her name on the date indicated.

Dated: September 22, 2003

  
Kenneth Rambo